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JOANN EASTMAN			NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.						
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(c) Attorney's (Firm Nam Craig Thor Kimmel, Esc	e, Address, Telephone Number and Email Add	dress)	l .	ND CONDEMNATION CASES, U	USE THE LOCATION OF THE				
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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM assignment to appropriate calendar.	
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA JOANN EASTMAN, Plaintiff Plaintiff

Plaintiff

v.

Case No.:

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR

JURY TRIAL

Defendant

COMPLAINT

(Unlawful Debt Collection Practices)

JOANN EASTMAN ("Plaintiff"), by and through her attorneys, KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C., alleges the following against NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC. ("Defendant"):

INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15
 U.S.C. §1692 et seq. ("FDCPA").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), which states that such actions may be brought and heard before "any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy," and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 grants this court original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the laws of the United States.
- 3. Defendant has its corporate headquarters in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and as such, personal jurisdiction is established.
 - 4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1).

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Luck, Wisconsin.
- 6. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 7. Also, Plaintiff is a person granted a cause of action under the FDCPA. See 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a) and Wenrich v. Cole, 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18687 (E.D. Pa. Dec. 22, 2000).
- 8. Defendant is a national debt collection company with its corporate headquarters located at 507 Prudential Road, Horsham, PA 19044.
- 9. Defendant is a "debt collector" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6), and repeatedly contacted Plaintiff in an attempt to collect a debt.
- 10. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 11. At all pertinent times hereto, Defendant was hired to collect a consumer debt and attempted to collect that debt from Plaintiff.
- 12. Upon information and belief, the debt arose out of transactions that were primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 13. Beginning in or around September 2010, and continuing through December 24, 2010, Defendant, and those it retained, made repetitive and continuous collection calls to Plaintiff.
- 14. Defendant was attempting to collect from Plaintiff two debts, one for Verizon Wireless and one for Dr. Leonard's Healthcare Corp.
 - 15. Plaintiff has never had an account with Verizon Wireless.
 - 16. Furthermore, Plaintiff has never received any services or products from Dr.

Leonard's Healthcare Corporation.

- 17. Plaintiff does not owe and disputes owing the debts Defendant was attempting to collect.
- 18. Beginning in or around September 2010, and continuing through December 2010, Defendant contacted Plaintiff on her home telephone in its attempts to collect these debts, sometimes calling as frequently as four times in a single day.
- 19. Defendant did not always identify to Plaintiff which account it was calling her about, making it difficult to know whether it was calling about the Verizon Wireless account, Dr. Leonard's account, or both accounts.
- 20. On numerous occasions, Defendant contacted Plaintiff before 8:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m., which were inconvenient times to receive debt collection calls.
 - 21. For example, in December 2010, Defendant contacted Plaintiff at 5:00 a.m.
- 22. Upon information and belief, Defendant contacted Plaintiff multiple times with the intent to harass Plaintiff into paying the alleged debt.
- 23. The repetitive calls to Plaintiff were intended by Defendant to be disturbing, harassing, and an invasion of privacy, so that Plaintiff would pay the alleged debt.
- 24. On at least one occasion, Defendant threatened to take legal action against Plaintiff and garnish her wages if she did not pay the disputed debts.
- 25. At the time Defendant made these threats, it did not intend to take such action. Moreover, Defendant legally could not take legal action against Plaintiff or garnish her wages, as Plaintiff did not owe the alleged debts.
- 26. Additionally, Defendant led Plaintiff to believe that it was going to communicate information about the disputed debts to the credit reporting bureaus, by telling Plaintiff that she

was ruining her credit by not paying the debts.

- 27. Further, in addition to contacting Plaintiff on a continuous and repeated basis, Defendant also sent correspondence to Plaintiff seeking and demanding payments of the alleged debts. See Exhibits A and B, Defendant's December 15, 2010, and December 18, 2010, letters to Plaintiff.
- 28. Defendant's actions in attempting to collect the alleged debt were harassing, abusive and highly deceptive.

CONSTRUCTION OF LAW

- Durand, 103 F.3d 1232 (5th Cir. 1997). "Because the Act imposes strict liability, a consumer need not show intentional conduct by the debt collector to be entitled to damages." Russell v. Equifax A.R.S., 74 F. 3d 30 (2d Cir. 1996); see also Gearing v. Check Brokerage Corp., 233 F.3d 469 (7th Cir. 2000) (holding unintentional misrepresentation of debt collector's legal status violated FDCPA); Clomon v. Jackson, 988 F. 2d 1314 (2d Cir. 1993).
- 30. The FDCPA is a remedial statute, and therefore must be construed liberally in favor of the debtor. Sprinkle v. SB&C Ltd., 472 F. Supp. 2d 1235 (W.D. Wash. 2006). The remedial nature of the FDCPA requires that courts interpret it liberally. Clark v. Capital Credit & Collection Services, Inc., 460 F. 3d 1162 (9th Cir. 2006). "Because the FDCPA, like the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) 15 U.S.C §1601 et seq., is a remedial statute, it should be construed liberally in favor of the consumer." Johnson v. Riddle, 305 F. 3d 1107 (10th Cir. 2002).
- 31. The FDCPA is to be interpreted in accordance with the "least sophisticated" consumer standard. See Jeter v. Credit Bureau, Inc., 760 F.2d 1168 (11th Cir. 1985); Graziano

v. Harrison, 950 F. 2d 107 (3rd Cir. 1991); Swanson v. Southern Oregon Credit Service, Inc., 869 F.2d 1222 (9th Cir. 1988). The FDCPA was not "made for the protection of experts, but for the public - that vast multitude which includes the ignorant, the unthinking, and the credulous, and the fact that a false statement may be obviously false to those who are trained and experienced does not change its character, nor take away its power to deceive others less experienced." Id. The least sophisticated consumer standard serves a dual purpose in that it ensures protection of all consumers, even naive and trusting, against deceptive collection practices, and protects collectors against liability for bizarre or idiosyncratic interpretations of collection notices. Clomon, 988 F. 2d at 1318.

COUNT I DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 32. In its actions to collect a debt, Defendant violated the FDCPA in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. Defendant violated the FDCPA generally;
 - b. Defendant violated §1692c(a)(1) of the FDCPA when it communicated with Plaintiff at an time or place which it knew or should have known was inconvenient for Plaintiff;
 - c. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA when it harassed, oppressed or abused Plaintiff in connection with the collection of a debt;
 - d. Defendant violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA when it caused Plaintiff's phone to ring, and engaged Plaintiff in conversation repeatedly or continuously with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass Plaintiff;
 - e. Defendant violated §1692e of the FDCPA when it used false, deceptive, or

misleading	representations	or	means	in	connection	with	the	collection	of
debt;									

- f. Defendant violated §1692e(4) of the FDCPA when it threatened to garnish Plaintiff's wages even though it did not intend to take such action at the time the threat was made;
- g. Defendant violated §1692e(5) of the FDCPA when it threatened to take action that it could not legally or did not intend to take;
- h. Defendant violated §1692e(8) of the FDCPA when it threatened to communicate false information about the debt that it was attempting to collect; and
- i. Defendant violated §1692f of the FDCPA when it used unfair and unconscionable means in connection with the collection of a debt.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, JOANN EASTMAN, respectfully prays for a judgment as follows:

- a. All actual damages suffered pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);
- b. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 for the violation of the FDCPA pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A);
- c. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees, court costs and other litigation costs incurred by Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1693k(a)(3); and
- d. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, JOANN EASTMAN, demands a jury trial in this case.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, By: _ Craig Thor Kimmel Attorney ID No. 57100 Kimmel & Silverman, P.C. 30 E. Butler Pike Ambler, PA 19002 Phone: (215) 540-8888 Fax: (877) 788-2864 Email: kimmel@creditlaw.com

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NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS INC

507 Prudential Road, Horsham, PA 19044

800-515-8572 OFFICE HOURS: 8AM-9PM MON THRU THURSDAY 8AM-5PM FRIDAY 8AM-12PM SATURDAY Dec 15, 2010

CREDITOR: DR LEONARDS HEALTHCARE CORP CREDITOR'S ACCOUNT #: 2140 A4A REGARDING: A4 - SC-DR LEONARDS CURRENT BALANCE DUE: \$ 298.15

The named creditor has placed this account with our office for collection. It is important that you forward payment in full.

If you choose not to respond to this notification, we will assign your account to a collector with instructions to collect the balance.

To assure proper credit, please put our internal account number 2N8LNX on your check or money order and enclose the lower portion of this letter, or a copy thereof, with your payment. If you need to speak to a representative, contact us at 800-515-8572.

Returned checks may be subject to the maximum fees allowed by your state.

You may also make payment by visiting us online at www.ncofinancial.com. Your unique registration code is C2N8LNX9-9C64ZWQ. To receive future notices for the account(s) by e-mail, visit www.ncofinancial.com for details.

Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of the debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within 30 days from receiving this notice, this office will obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment and mail you a copy of such judgment or verification. If you request this office in writing within 30 days after receiving this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This is a communication from a debt collector.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT (MAKE SURE ADDRESS SHOWS THROUGH WINDOW)

THIS COLLECTION AGENCY IS LICENSED BY THE DIVISION OF BANKING, PO BOX 7876, MADISON, WISCONSIN 53707.

NCO Financial Systems. Inc. 507 Prudential Road, Horsham, PA 19044 800-515-8572

Check here if your address or phone number has changed and provide the new information below.

Our Account # Creditor's Account # Current Balance Due 2N8LNX 2140 A4A \$ 298.15

JOANN EASTMAN
Payment Amount



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Make Payment To:



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NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.

507 Prudential Road, Horsham, PA 19044

800-788-7870 OFFICE HOURS: 8AM-9PM MON THRU THURSDAY 8AM-5PM FRIDAY 9AM-IPM SATURDAY Dec 18, 2010

CREDITOR: VERIZON WIRELESS CREDITOR'S ACCOUNT #: REGARDING: PAST DUE BALANCE

CURRENT BALANCE DUE: \$ 69.19

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The named creditor has placed this account with our office for collection.

If you choose not to respond to this notification, we will assign your account to a collector with instructions to collect this balance.

Send payment in full to the address listed below.

Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of the debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within 30 days from receiving this notice, this office will obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgement and mail you a copy of such judgement or verification. If you request this office in writing within 30 days after receiving this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

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Check here if your address or phone number has changed and provide the new information below.

Our Account # Current Balance Due **TOR458** \$ 69.19

JOANN EASTMAN

PLAINTIFF'S **EXHIBIT**

Make Payment To:

NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS PO BOX 15391 WILMINGTON, DE 19850-5391

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